

lows: a petition signed by voters qualified to vote for a successor to the incumbent sought to be removed equal in number to at least twenty-five per cent of one-ninth of the total vote cast for all candidates for members of the council at the next preceding general municipal election demanding an election of a successor of the person sought to be removed shall be filed with the chairman of the city board of elections which petition shall contain a general statement of the grounds for which the removal is sought. The signatures to the petition need not all be appended to one paper, but each signer shall add to his signature his place of residence, giving the street and number. One of the signers of each paper shall make oath before an officer competent to administer oaths that the statements thereon made are true, as he believes and that each signature to the paper appended is the genuine signature of the person whose name it purports to be. Within ten days from the date of filing such petition the city board of elections shall examine and from the registration books used at the next preceding municipal election held in the city ascertain whether or not said petition is signed by the requisite number of qualified voters. Such registration books shall for that purpose be made available to the city board of elections by the officer or board in whose custody they may be. The chairman of the board of elections shall attach to said petition his certificate, showing the result of such examination as determined by the board of elections. If by such certificate the petition is shown to be insufficient it may be amended within ten days from the date of such certificate. The board of elections shall within ten days after such amendment make a like examination of the amended petition and if the certificate of the chairman of the board of elections which shall be made thereafter in accordance with the decision of the board of elections on the matter shall show the petition to be insufficient, such petition shall be returned to the person filing the same without prejudice to the filing of a new petition to the same effect. If the petition shall be deemed sufficient by the Board of Elections, the chairman of said board shall forthwith so certify and shall submit the petition to the council at its next regular meeting. If the petition shall be found to be sufficient the council shall order and fix a date for holding an election for the election of a successor to the elective officer sought to be removed. In the event a primary election is held in connection with the election of members of the council under the provisions of this charter or any amendment thereto, then in effect, then the date of such primary or in the event none is to be held, the date of such election shall be fixed not less than fifteen or more than thirty days from the date of the certificate of the chairman of the Board of Elections to the council that a sufficient petition is filed. A petition filed as aforesaid may de-

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